12. *Mint.* An increase of nearly half a lakh of rupees is provided under this head. Since 1087, when our new silver coins of the present designs were introduced, we have minted the following quantities :—

		Value in lakhs of rupees.
Half-Rupees	...	1·00
Quarter-Rupees	...	1·00
Fanams	...	3·57

As against this mintage, however, the balances in our treasuries, according to our latest figures, stand at only Rs ·07 lakh, ·07 lakh and ·52 lakh, respectively. We accordingly propose to mint in the next year about two lakhs of rupees worth of silver coins and we have provided in the Estimates for the necessary gain on the coinage of this silver. We hold an adequate stock of copper coins. Our treasuries, as shown by the latest monthly returns, hold Rs 6·67 lakhs against our total copper mintage of Rs 20·44 lakhs.

EXPENDITURE CHARGED TO REVENUE.

13. The Budget Estimates contemplate an **increase of** Rs **16·33** lakhs over the probable expenditure in the current year, the **total expenditure** chargeable to revenue standing at Rs **221·78** lakhs. I shall explain briefly the more important items contributing to this increase.

14. *Public Works expenditure.* The budgeted figure is Rs **34** lakhs, the **increase** over the current year's figure being nearly Rs **5** lakhs. There is an increase of nearly a lakh and a half under CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS, the bulk of the increase being for the completion of buildings already begun. Among new buildings, the construction of which is to be started next year, is a new Girls' School at Mavelikara ; a pumping installation at the salt factory at Colachel ; and quarters and offices for the Excise staff at Tamaracolam. A provision of Rs ·05 lakh has also been made for preparing plans and design for the construction of a new Council Chamber. A provision of Rs ·15 lakh has been made for the extension of telephone lines in Trivandrum. Under COMMUNICATIONS—WORKS, the provision made is Rs 8·56 lakhs, the increase being nearly Rs 1 lakh. Of this provision of Rs 8·56 lakhs, a little over Rs 5 lakhs appears under the Kottayam and Alwaye Divisions. Under 'new works', provision is made for a road from Pallivasal to Neriamangalam, a short road to Karkad village for the convenience of the depressed classes and for a new canal from Alleppey to Changanachery which is to be investigated. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS account for an increase of Rs ·24 lakh mainly for new godowns

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at Alleppey, and some improvements to markets. MAINTENANCE CHARGES go up by nearly a lakh to Rs 11·91 lakhs. The same provision as in the last year (Rs ·7 lakh) is made for the Delhi Palace works. The reserve provided for the next year is Rs ·68 lakh. A liberal provision has been made to push through works already started.

15. *Education.* The budgeted figure is Rs **45·56** lakhs, the **increase** over the current year's revised estimate being Rs **5·89** lakhs. Of this increase, however, a sum of Rs 2·16 lakhs is merely an advance of printing charges for the printing of new Malayalam readers. The supply was formerly through the agency of a private firm, but we have decided to undertake the supply ourselves. This money will be recouped when the readers are sold in due course. The real increase over the current year's figure thus becomes Rs 3·73 lakhs.

16. COLLEGE EDUCATION—A lump provision of Rs ·4 lakh is made for the Women's College for opening Group II in the Intermediate Course and for raising its status to the First Grade. The College of Science is to have Rs ·3 lakh for additional furniture and for fitting up the Laboratory extension.

17. ENGLISH AND VERNACULAR SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION come in for increases of Rs ·62 and Rs ·51 lakh respectively, and PRIMARY EDUCATION comes in for an increase of Rs ·75 lakh mostly for providing new schools as well as additional classes and divisions where necessary. Government have not yet had time to consider and pass orders on the report recently submitted by the Vernacular School Teachers' Salaries Committee.

There is an increase of Rs ·5 lakh under EDUCATIONAL GRANTS.

18. The other more important increases are, under *Salt*, Rs ·88 lakh on account of larger provision for transport charges of local salt from Thamarakulam to Trivandrum and Alleppey ; *Forest* Rs ·77 lakh mainly for forest works and for preparing working plans ; *Police* Rs ·69 lakh mainly for bringing the force up to the sanctioned standard, for the biennial supply of clothing the bulk of which falls due next year and for strengthening the motor section to cope with the increasing demands made upon it by the public ; *Law and Justice* Rs ·53 lakh under which provision is made for two additional Second Judges' courts to work off arrears and for a new Munsiff-Magistrate's Court at Neduvangad and also for providing some amenities for under-trial prisoners ; *Pensions* Rs ·5 lakh to make the necessary provision under the rules for retiring officers ; and *Land Revenue* where a special provision of Rs ·4 lakh

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is made for IMPROVEMENTS TO MARKETS and some small provision also appears for improving the pay of Proverthikars.

19. Under *Medical*, provision is made for seven new dispensaries and for additional medical subordinates for the General Hospital and the Victoria Hospital, Quilon, and also for an ambulance car for use in the City, the local municipality having provided only a double bullock cart. The amount provided for medical relief in the budget is Rs 9·73 lakhs; but this is *less* than the current year's provision by Rs ·36 lakh. The apparent smallness of our budget provision in spite of the increased medical facilities proposed is due to a substantial saving under purchase of European medicines and surgical instruments. The provision under this head in the budget is Rs 1·49 lakhs against the current year's provision of Rs 1·9 lakhs. We are obtaining larger stocks of supplies for the next year but in spite of the increased quantities, our cost is about half a lakh of rupees below the current year's expenditure. This is due to our having been able to place the orders direct with manufacturing and wholesale firms, as a result of calling for tenders by advertisement in England as well as in India.

20. The other proposals of interest appearing in the estimates are—under *Income Tax*, for the appointment of a special Collector already referred to and his establishment; *Excise* for additional preventive staff for the Arukutty and Piravam Divisions that has been needed owing to the protective belt of bamboo growth having deteriorated; *General Administration*, for the revision of the Land Revenue Manual which is urgently necessary; *Agriculture and Fisheries Department*, for a new agricultural school at Kottarakara, a new fishery school at Alleppey and for some revision in the pay of agriculture and Veterinary Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors. The *Industries Department* comes in for two spinning instructors for popularising spinning on proper lines and the Commercial school at Alleppey comes in for a couple of Comptometer machines for giving instruction to their accountancy students in mechanical calculation work. Under *Anchal* there is provision for a motor mail service between Mundakayam and Kumili and between Quilon and Alleppey. There is also a provision for increasing the number and improving the pay of delivery peons.

21. An increased provision of Rs ·31 lakh has been made under Miscellaneous Political Expenditure on account of the contemplated visit of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief. Under 'Palace', there is an increase as the expenditure on the Tirumadampu ceremony was special to the current year.

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